

Celebrating 10 Years of ELCs

- Mississippi has had high-quality, state-funded pre – K for 10 years!
- The Early Learning Collaborative Act was signed into law on April 19, 2013. The program was initially funded at \$3M and has grown to \$24M.
- When Mississippi first passed the Early Learning Collaborative Act of 2013, we knew it would significantly impact early childhood education in Mississippi. A decade later, we have the evidence that shows why investing in high-quality, state-funded pre-K is the right move for making Mississippi first in education nationally.
- Join us in celebrating this major milestone – 10 years of high-quality, state-funded pre – K in Mississippi!

Details about ELCs

- The Early Learning Collaborative Act established state-funded pre – K in Mississippi. The program offers a high-quality, low – or no-cost pre – K option to families in Mississippi.
- There are currently 35 early learning collaboratives across the state.
- In 2022, the legislature allocated \$24M for early learning collaboratives in Mississippi. This amount will allow the state-funded pre – K programs to reach 25% of four-year-olds in Mississippi and provide pre – K teachers the support needed to ensure quality.
- Early learning collaboratives include many partners, including school districts, Head Start, and licensed childcare providers. These partners make the commitment to working together to provide high-quality pre – K to Mississippi's four-year-olds.
- Fun Fact: The Early Learning Collaborative Act established one of Mississippi's only 1 – to – 1 state tax credits. This means you (or anyone) can donate to one of the 35 early learning collaboratives across the state and receive a 1 – to – 1 tax credit, all while supporting your community's four-year-olds!

Impact of ELCs

- The Early Learning Collaborative Act is an example of a policy that works – it has made a lasting, positive impact on Mississippi’s future.
- To date, the early learning collaborative program has provided high-quality pre – K to over 26,000 four-year-olds in Mississippi.
- High–quality pre – K continues to be a great return on investment for Mississippi.
- Mississippi’s early learning collaboratives are ranked top in the nation for quality – here’s to making Mississippi first in pre – K!